

God has no grandchildren

I love my grandchildren! Grandkids are a great idea, in my opinion.

Someone has said, "Too bad you have raise kids in order to get grandkids." Unfortunately, my two beautiful granddaughters, ages 5 and almost-3, live with their parents in Tucson, Ariz. That's too far away for my liking.

Now, follow my line of thought for a moment. In order to have grandchildren, you have to have children first. The term grandchild simply indicates that this child is connected to you through their connection to your child. Another person is the intermediary that connects you to your grandchildren.

No children? No grandchildren. There has to be the intermediary relationship. Now that may seem so obvious as to be meaningless, but when we place it in the context of our relationship to Almighty God, creator of everything that exists, you discover deeper truth that may be new to you.

As I was looking at pictures of my granddaughters this week, the saying came back to mind, "God doesn't have any grandchildren." Wow! I have something God doesn't? What a thought to ponder.

Why? Because with God, there is never need for an intermediary person to stand between to link us to God, to create a relationship



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• From the Pulpit

with him.

We live in the age of the new covenant, or new testament. God has poured out his promised Holy Spirit on "all men." During this month when the church of Jesus Christ celebrates Pentecost, we go back to the very first Pentecost of the church age, known as the "birthday of the church." There Peter quotes the Old Testament prophet Joel in Acts 2: "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days" (Joel 2:28-29 NIV).

In the Old Testament period, God had decreed that he would speak to men and connect with them, forgive their sins and accept their worship, only through the intermediary of a priesthood. God established the line of Aaron as the priesthood for his chosen people, the Israelites. The sacrifice of an animal or choice grains, was required to be taken to the

priest as part of the worship of God.

But now, today, the Bible proclaims that every person has the right to a personal relationship with him; we are our own priest, as it were. Peter calls Christians "a holy priesthood, a chosen people" in I Peter 2:5.

Here's my point: None of us are in a relationship with God because someone else is in relationship with him. Indeed, God has no grandchildren.

I am not in relationship with God because my parents were. I am not in right relationship with God because my wife loves and serves him. The same is true of my friends, my siblings, my children.

The only way for me to be in the right relationship with God, and attain to eternal life in heaven, is for me personally and individually, to humble myself before God, ask for the forgiveness of sins that he offers through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary, and be born again spiritually. No one else can do that for me.

Furthermore, there is no other way for me to come into this relationship with God than through his Son, Jesus Christ! In Acts 4:12, we can read "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must

Deaths

Clifton Starkey

Clifton Starkey, 90, Colby died Thursday, May 30, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland.

Services are pending with the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

Joanne Stephens

Services are pending for Joanne Stephens, 57, of Colby, who died Thursday, May 23, 2013, at the Kit Carson Hospital in Burlington, Colo., from injuries received in a

vehicle accident near Burlington. Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin-Selden, is in charge of arrangements.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 33 members, Virgil Scott, a visiting Rotarian from Broomfield, Colo., and guests Brook Ziegelmeier and Tina Harris.

Steve Ziegelmeier had the program. His guest was Harris, who spoke on the American Youth Soccer Organization's program in Colby. The program was established in Los Angeles in 1964 with nine teams, she said. Today there are over 50,000 teams and 600,000 players in the U.S. and in countries all over the world.

Harris said the program's vision is to provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives. The mission of the program is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on the organization's ideas: everyone plays, balanced teams, open registration, positive coaching and good sportsmanship.

Harris said the organization also has a program for special needs

children.

The Colby program was established in 1994, Harris said, and has on average 150 players for both the fall and spring seasons. There are currently nine board members and 20 coaches, with referees for 14 teams. Players range in age from six to nineteen.

Since 2001, games have been played on the field west of the Sacred Heart Cemetery, but the group needs a new field east of the baseball diamonds since the cemetery needs to expand. Tina said the organization has saved money for this project over time but needs more money to help pay for the new field's sprinkler system.

Brook Ziegelmeier demonstrated 'juggling' for members by keeping the ball off the ground using only his legs and feet.

Vernon Hurd won Roto-Lotto. Colby Rotary Club meets each Tuesday at Colby Community College in Room 106 of the Student Union.

- Relda Galli

Golden Plains graduates announce plans

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

Golden Plains High School graduated seven seniors on May 12, the smallest class of graduates at the high school. Despite their small number, these young adults have many accomplishments and plans for successful futures. Below are the graduates future plans and scholarships awarded to help them accomplish their goals.

Jose Bermudez plans to attend Garden City Community College and major in welding. He has received a Dane G. Hansen career and technical education scholarship of \$2,000 and a Pete Henry scholarship of \$2,000.

Haydyn Best plans to attend Kansas State University and major in pre-law. He has received a Pete Henry scholarship of \$750 and a Red Cross scholarship of \$125.

Jesus Garcia plans to work for a while before continuing his education. He has received a Pete Henry scholarship of \$2,000.

Andrew Luna plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in science. He has received a Hays City silver award of \$800, a Fort Hays academic opportunity award of \$650, a housing reduction award of \$250, a Fort Hays Copper Award of \$500, a Pete Henry scholarship of \$1,000, a Ronald McDonald scholarship of \$1,000, an International Order of Odd Fellows scholarship of \$1,017, and a Red Cross scholarship of \$125. He received additional awards from a Kansas State University activity scholarship of \$1,500 and a track scholarship for Dodge City Community College for books and tuition plus \$500 per semester.

Scholarship of \$2,500, a Neff Seeds scholarship of \$500 and a Fort Hays State University Bronze Award of \$700.

Camron Spreser plans to enter the work force following graduation. He was awarded a Dane G. Hansen Career and Technical Education scholarship of \$2,000 and a Pete Henry scholarship of \$2,000.

Morgan Walz plans to attend Garden City Community College and major in business and marketing and pursue a career in skin care. She has been awarded a \$700 dean's scholarship and the \$1,200 ambassador scholarship along with books and tuition for cheerleading at the college. She also received a Dane G. Hansen career and technical education scholarship of \$2,000, the Frontier Ag scholarship of \$500 renewable for one year, and a Pete Henry Scholarship of \$1,000. She was awarded a Bronze Award from Fort Hays for \$750.

Angela Ritter plans to attend Kansas State University and major in family studies and human services. She has received a Pete Henry

Corrections

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.21
Corn (bushel)	\$6.90
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.71
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.45

60th Wedding Anniversary



Earl & Opal Moss

Earl and Opal Moss will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 2 at the Hoxie Christian Church, 1025 Queen.

There will be a come-and-go reception from 5 PM - 8 PM. Your cards and best wishes can reach Earl & Opal at 9985 W Road 40 N, Selden, KS 67757

Pharmacy degree awarded

Trenton Powell of Colby was awarded a Doctor of Pharmacy degree during Creighton University's commencement ceremony on May 18, 2013, at the Century-Link Center Omaha.

University President Timothy R. Lannon presided. Lannon, a 1973 graduate of the University, is the first alum to serve as president

of Creighton. About 1,600 degrees were conferred during the university's spring commencement.

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Notice of Public Information Meeting Colby Area Transportation Plan

June 7, 2013
10:00 - 11:00 AM

The Kansas Department of Transportation in partnership with the City of Colby and Thomas County will hold a public information meeting regarding the Area Transportation Plan (ATP). The ATP study area is generally on the south side of Colby and includes the areas surrounding Range Avenue and Country Club Drive between Horton Avenue and College Drive. The ATP is an important plan which outlines transportation infrastructure improvements needed to provide a safe and efficient transportation system for Colby. Recent development and potential future growth on the south side of Colby are driving the need for the plan. Proposed roadway improvements will be presented for public input/comment. The Public Information Meeting will be conducted at the Law Enforcement Training Center at 360 North Franklin Avenue in Colby. A presentation will begin at 10:00 a.m. on June 7, 2013 followed by time for discussion/comments.

Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



Levant Community Church

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel, 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 785-462-0512.
CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Pastor Eric Overmiller. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org
GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley, Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.
COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.
COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten-5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5 yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.
BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. James Bridges, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday's. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.
PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)
MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Worship Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Evenings 6:30. First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 785-462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.
THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 785-687-2565.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 785-460-6605, President Andy Rose, 785-460-6807. a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.
REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com.
COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Markdock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. www.colbyumc.org
CHURCH OF CHRIST, 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com
OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 217 Main St., Brewster, 785-694-2751. Sunday worship 10:00 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church at 10:00 a.m.
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. Robert Alexander, East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Beginning Sept. 2 - Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.
LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Charles Taff, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.
BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Mike Baughn, 785-694-2278, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 785-694-2720, Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

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